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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 RUSSELL DEAN HARRIS,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS  
14 COUNCIL,

15 Defendant.

CASE NO. C20-0419JLR

ORDER OF REFERENCE

16 This action was previously assigned to the Honorable John C. Coughenour and  
17 referred to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson. (*See* 4/9/20 Min. Order (Dkt. # 18).)

18 This action was subsequently reassigned to the Honorable James L. Robart, United States  
19 District Judge. (*See* 4/13/20 Min. Order (Dkt. # 20).) All future documents filed in this  
20 case must bear the cause number C20-0419JLR-MLP. The court has reviewed the files  
21 and records herein and determined that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to refer to  
22 a Magistrate Judge as described below.

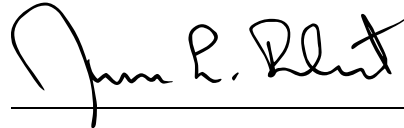
1 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Rule MJR 3, the court hereby  
2 refers to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson all motions to amend or supplement the  
3 pleadings under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, and all motions related to discovery  
4 disputes, including but not limited to motions to compel discovery, motions for a  
5 protective order related to discovery, and motions related to issues of privilege. *See* 28  
6 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). Federal Rule of Civil  
7 Procedure 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson's  
8 rulings concerning the above-described discovery motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a);  
9 Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(b).

10 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court  
11 also hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson for preparation of a report  
12 and recommendation all motions (1) for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Federal  
13 Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b); (2) for judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule  
14 of Civil Procedure 12(c); (3) to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
15 12(b); and (4) for a default judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b).  
16 *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR(a)(3). Federal Rule of Civil  
17 Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in this court after Magistrate Judge  
18 Michelle L. Peterson files a report and recommendation. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); Local  
19 Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c).

20 Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to  
21 Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson for the specific purposes and types of motions  
22 described herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge

1 Michelle L. Peterson to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent  
2 with 28 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this order.

3 Dated this 22nd day of April, 2020.

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6 JAMES L. ROBART  
7 United States District Judge  
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